As the holiday season is wrapping up I am looking forward to starting off 2019 with a BANG! I am very excited for this year, and can’t wait to get things started once again.

Leaders, if you have not herd the news, the process for becoming a certified leader has changed once again. If you were a certified leader last year, you are not required to watch the protecting minors video. This video, just like the background check, will now be on a three year rotation. That’s right! You will only need to do the background check and the protecting minors video once every three years. Continuing leaders will need to complete two hours of leader training, just like in the previous years.

Don’t forget about our upcoming Souper Saturday! We will be offering workshops for leaders to get training hours, and have an amazing lunch contest. Those attending are encouraged to bring your favorite soup, salad, bread, or desert for a potluck style lunch! As you will sample all the different dishes you get to vote for your favorites.

I want to remind everyone to look at the calendar closely. The weigh in dates for all livestock has changed. We had to make changes due to heavy use of the fairgrounds and had to work around these events. Please talk this over with your families and leaders to make sure everyone has a plan!

Thank You!
Teresa Balderrama
Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Program Coordinator
Pen the Ponies!

Save the Date!!!!!

Our 2nd annual 4-H fundraiser is coming up February 8th!! We will continue to raise funds for much needed equipment and program improvements. We are asking each club to put together a themed basket for our silent auction.

End of Year Club Wrap Up

We will be awarding the Leader of the year and Club of the year at our annual fundraiser event in February! Be sure to bring your family and come join the fun!

The Leader of the Year award comes from nominations made by leaders and members at the end of our previous 4-H year. This award is sponsored by Avista and is a big secret until it is presented.

The Club of the Year award is decided from clubs who apply for this award at the end of the previous 4-H year. The awards committee looks at community service projects, member completion of projects, participation, leadership, and club involvement beyond the club.

If your club would like to apply, be sure to watch for the applications right after fair!
It’s time to Enroll!

It is time to sign up for the 2018-2019 4-H year! Don’t miss out on all the fun of 4-H.

As you are signing up on 4HOnline be sure to update your profile! Make sure all the information is correct and up to date. Here are a few things to double check:

⇒ Is your email correct?
   Tip: You can enter an email address for each member of your family.

⇒ Is your mailing address correct?
   Tip: This is where we will get your address for any mailings.....like a stock sale check!

⇒ Is your T-Shirt size correct?

⇒ Are you logging onto Idaho 4-H?

4HOnline

4HOnline is required for all member’s and leaders to complete, prior to participation. Families are able to have one profile for all children and or adult volunteers who are participating in 4-H.

https://idaho.4honline.com

If you are a new member/family select “I need to set up a profile“.

If you are a returning member/family select “I have a profile“ and log in using the same e-mail and password you used last year. If you have forgotten this contact the Extension Office for assistance.

For 4HOnline instructions, contact the Extension Office who can provide you with a paper copy or email you a copy.

NOTE: 4HOnline is not compatible on phones or Internet Explorer. If you are needing additional assistance or to use a computer to complete 4HOnline, you will need to set up a time to come in to the Extension Office and work with Teresa or Sharla.
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4-H Fees

Member Fees: $20.00
*This includes member’s insurance coverage and up to 3 projects; through the end of September 2019.

Horse Member Fees: $23.00
*This includes member’s horse insurance coverage and up to 3 projects (including horse); through the end of September 2019.

Additional Member Project Fees: $3.00
*There is a $3.00 fee for each additional project, after the first 3 projects.

Leader Fees: $1.00 or $2.00
*There is an optional $1.00 fee for or $2.00 for horse leaders if they would like to be covered by our insurance.

Project Requirements

As you plan for this coming year, please remember that project requirements and exhibit standards are fully described in the Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H Project Requirements. Every Organizational Leader will receive a full copy for their club. Project Leaders will need to get the requirements for the projects they are signed up to lead. The Project Requirements will also be posted on the Kootenai County Extension website and on your 4HOnline Family home page. County project requirements are similar to the State Level requirements, but there are slight variations that supersede the state version.

Please review project requirements, prior to starting your project!

**All** projects have a record book!

**All** record books include a story!

**All** projects require a demonstration!

**All** projects have an exhibit standard!

Curriculum Books

When ordering 4-H Project Curriculum Books and other manuals or record books, these need to be placed either at the Extension Office or via email 48-hours prior to needing to pick them up. They will not be filled immediately. To know what books/material is needed and their correct titles, reference the Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H Project Requirements Book. **After May 1st, there will be a charge for all 4-H manuals, that will be collected at the time of pick-up.**
Member Enrollment

Member Enrollment is open from October 1st, through March 1st to be eligible to exhibit at fair. Members will still be accepted after March 1, but will have a non-competitive status. Make sure you complete your enrollment before you begin participating in 4-H activities!

First: Members need to update (if returning) or start (only if new) their personal and project information in 4-H Online.

Second: Members/Families need to pay their enrollment fees through their Organizational Leader.

Once the Enrollment Forms and Fees have been submitted to the Extension Office, member’s will move from a pending status in 4HOnline to an active status.

Be sure to speak with your clubs Organizational Leader to ensure they are still accepting members, they offer the projects your 4-H member is interested in, and that their meeting times and location work for your family.

Cloverbuds
   Ages 5-7 (as of January 1st, 2019)

Traditional
   Ages 8-18 (as of January 1st 2019)

Leader Enrollment

Leader Enrollment is open from October 1st, through March 1st.

Previous (last year 17-18) 4-H Leaders should be re-enrolled before December 1 and are required to:

*Complete Protecting Minors on 4HOnline (Once every three years)

*Have a valid/passing Background Check through Verified Volunteers. This is a link that is sent to you from the Extension Office and has a $10.00 fee. These are valid for 3-years.

*Complete 3-hours of approved Leader Training (2 hours for returning leaders)

New 4-H Leaders are required to:

*Complete a Leader Application

*Have 3-individuals complete and send the 4-H volunteer reference form, to the Extension Office

*Complete Protecting Minors on 4HOnline

*Complete and have a passing Background Check through Verified Volunteers. This is a link that is sent to you from the Extension Office and has a $11.00 fee. These are valid for 3-years.

*Complete 3-hours of approved Leadership Training

New and Returning Leaders will remain in a pending state on 4HOnline until all requirements have been completed. You must be an active volunteer to meet with youth.
4-H Ambassadors

If you are 7th-12th grade and want to have even more fun in 4-H, come to the ambassador meetings!

What do the ambassadors do? They are a group of teens who have fun while helping the Extension Office during special events like County Oral Presentations or the Awards ceremony at fair. Some of the other events ambassadors help out with are summer camps, food drives, Cloverbud camp, the annual fundraiser, family night, and whatever else they want to help out with.

There is no requirements to be an Ambassador, no project to turn in at fair, no deadline to sign up, and no record book. We just have fun and grow our leadership!

Watch future newsletters for updates from your Kootenai/Shoshone County ambassadors.
Leaders Association Meeting is scheduled for January 17th at 7:00 pm, at the Extension Office. They will be forming committees, preparing for upcoming events for the 2018-19 year. If you are a 4-H leader, parent, or teen member and would like to stay on top of what is going on and have some influence in the direction of our 4-H program be sure to become involved in the related committees and attend these meetings. They will also meet on March 21st at 7:00 pm.

Organizational Leader training was at the beginning of the 4-H year. It is designed to update Organizational Leaders on their responsibilities. They will review 4-H and Extension Office policies and procedure in regards to the upcoming 2018-19 year. This is also a time that they will visit about ideas and concerns that clubs and leaders might have.

If you are an organizational leader and have missed this training, please contact Teresa and set up a time to come in and visit about the changes.

If your club is listed below, I still have the paper copy of the 4-H project requirements for your Organizational Leader at the extension office. Please stop by and pick it up, as many projects have changes.

- Gold-N-Garnets
- Klasy Kritters
- Canfield Critters
- Sparkles & Spurs
- Prairie Wranglers
- Northwest Treasures
- Kootenai County Showmen
- Denim and Diamonds
- Easy Riders
- Harmony Hustlers
- Wild coyotes
- Westwood Roots and Boots
- Dalton Garden Showmen
- Slick Fork Ranch Horse
- Jolly Workers of Mica
- Lucky Clover
Small Animal Council Update:
The Small Animal Council met on December 3rd here are a few key points that were discussed:

- We are working on getting new cages for the small animal barns. There will be a new layout in the poultry barn to make room for the turkeys.
- Small Animal Sale: Will be moved to 4 PM, still working on better seating.
- Marketing For Small Animal Sale; Make sign to hang in the barns to promote the sale
- There is now a turkey showmanship class.
- Rabbit and Poultry Clinic and Pre-Show: Will happen during the Spring Fest weekend.
- There will be a show and clinic at the Gem State Stock Show (formally Spring Fest) for both birds and bunnies. The council is working on putting together clinics for the kids.

Next Meeting:
February 11th @ 6 PM

Livestock Leaders

Livestock Leaders have requested a leader training on Livestock Record Books at the next meeting. During the livestock record book check, many of these books were returned for a wide variety of reasons. We hope this training will help with reducing the number of incomplete record books.

Livestock leaders have also scheduled barn meetings at fair, and have approved a livestock health guideline for all animals at the fair.

As you are purchasing animals, please remember to follow all guidelines for livestock hauling set by the State of Idaho. You should always get a bill of sale for your animal from your seller.

Be sure to watch for the 2019 Calendar for all livestock deadlines. It will be posted on your home page on 4HOnline.

Next Meeting:
March 13th @ 7PM
Horse Leaders

Horse Leader Meetings
Horse Leaders meetings have a new time! Meetings will now be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the Extension Office.
The next meeting will be on  
February 5th at 6pm at the Extension Office. They will be planning for the 2019 events and shows including selecting judges. This is a great time to come and get involved so that we can provide the best horse events for our members!

Basic Horse Requirements & Dates
Horse ID’s in 4-H Online Due April 1st
Participate in at least 1 County Activity:
  Horse Bowl - March 16  
  Horse Judging - April 13  
  Oral Presentations - April 20 
  Hippology - April 25
Exhibit in at least 1 4-H Horse Show (note that at the County 4-H Horse Show, 1st-3rd year members must participate in Fitting & Showing)

Helping Hands
1st and 2nd year horse members - this is just for you! There will be a clinic about getting ready for a 4-H Horse Show on April 27th. This will be followed up with the Helping Hands Horse Show on May 11th, where you can see what you have learned so far and get tips and help to improve in and out of the show ring.

Dog Leaders
This year Dog Leaders will be hosting a fundraising event at the dog show over Memorial Day Weekend at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. We will be hosting an agility fun match and jumpers course in the main arena. Dog handlers will have a chance to race the clock to test their agility skills! We will need volunteers to help facilitate this event and will have a sign up sheet. Thank you Sheri Knoche for helping to organize this great event. We will be using the funds to purchase mats for the dog show ring, and supplementing the pay rates for our judges.

If you are interested in becoming a dog leader, contact the Extension Office for more information!
Save the Date!
May 18 & 19, 2019
Information on this show is coming soon!

Souper Saturday is coming! February 23, 2019
At Lakeland Senior High School, Rathdrum
If you need your training hours for the year, be sure to attend. We will have a variety of topics to choose from.
Don’t forget to enter your favorite Soup, salad, bread, or desert in our contest! We will sample all those that are entered and voting on your favorite. Watch your email for more details.

WIN A PIG!!!

Enter an essay!
This year our 4-H program has been gifted two swine projects! Yes...I said two swine projects!!!! All you need to do is submit an essay and you could win a piglet and 700 pounds of pig feed from North 40. The pig will be from B&B Livestock in Post Falls. It's a FREE swine project!

How to Enter
Contestant will submit a personally written one page essay on what ownership of this pig would mean to them. Essay needs to include previous 4-H experience. Be sure to include your full name, age, and address on the top of the page.

Contest Rules
Contestants must be an active member of the Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H program enrolled in the market swine project and exhibit at the 2019 North Idaho State Fair. Essay winners will be required to give a monthly progress report of their swine project.
2019 Fair Theme

The theme for the 2019 North Idaho State Fair is Fair Necessities!

Got questions about what to do to get ready for fair? Check out the back of the Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Project Requirements. Not only will you find the project requirements but you will also find the fair rules, departments and classes and a 4-H Fair Calendar!

*Plan now for the project necessities to have fun with the Fair Necessities!*
**4-H News**

**Dates to Remember**

**January**

1—Beef Ownership deadline for Spokane Livestock Junior Show
8—Horse Leaders Meeting 7PM, Extension Office
9—Stock Sale Committee Meeting 6:30PM, Extension Office
   Livestock Leaders Meeting 7PM, Extension Office
14—Dog Leaders Meeting 6PM, Extension Office
17—New Volunteer Orientation, 6PM (new leader training)
   Volunteer Association Meeting 7PM, Extension Office
19-21—Northern District Ambassador Retreat, Sandpoint
31—Know Your Government Conference Orientation 6PM, Extension Office

**February**

1—Swine ownership for Spokane Jr Livestock Show
5—Horse Leaders Meeting, 7PM Extension Office
8—4-H Annual Fundraise Kootenai County Fairgrounds
11—Small Animal Council 6PM Extension Office
16-18—Know Your Government Conference, Boise
23—Souper Saturday, Lakeland Senior High School, Rathdrum

**March**

1—FINAL DAY FOR MEMBER AND LEADER ENROLLMENT
1—Sheep and Goat Ownership for the Spokane Jr Livestock Show
1—County Horse Bowl Registration Deadline
5—Equine Camp Scholarship applications due
8—County Dog Bowl registrations due
11—Dog Leaders, 6PM Extension Office
13—Stock Sale Committee Meeting 6:30PM, Extension Office
   Livestock Leaders Meeting 7PM, Extension Office
14—New Volunteer Orientation & training, 6:30PM (3hrs)
15—State Teen Association Conference Endowment Scholarships Application Due
16—County Dog Bowl 10:00 AM Extension Office
16—County Horse Bowl 1:00 PM Extension Office
21—Oral Presentation Committee, 6:30 PM
   Volunteer Association Meeting 7PM, Extension Office
23—Beef Ownership deadline for County Fair-150 days to fair
28—Record Book Check for Spokane Livestock Junior Show 5:7PM, Extension Office
1—Beef Ownership for Spokane Livestock Junior Show
3/23-4/12—Panhandle Ambassador Food Drive

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